ind January NEW YEAR'-S GIFTS Nichols' *Progresses,* vol m The gifts given to the Queen by her courtiers are often mentioned with amusement, whilst her gifts to her courtiers and servants are forgotten , the master cooks, for instance, presented marchpanes and were each rewarded with 7 ozs of silver plate

$th January COURT NEWS *Sidney Papers,* n 156

>jth January THE PLAYERS AT COURT As for i5th December, 1599

nth January A FENCER HANGED Stow's *Annals*

i2t& January ALLEYN'S NEW PLAYHOUSE *Hens Papers,* pp 4, 49 , *Ehz Stage,* iv 326 The agreement with the builder is dated 8th January

* THE PRESERVATION OF KING HENRY THE SEVENTH * *A Rq m* 154, *STC,* 13076 The book, though entered on this day, is dated 1 599 This seems to be the last attempt in the reign to inflict the hexameter on English verse , the author's hope of encouragement for a second book was apparently not fulfilled

COURT NEWS *Sidney Papers,* n 133, 138 The Ladies of Essex's family remained conspicuously faithful to him during his troubles They were the Countess of Leicester, his mother , Lady Walsmgham, his mother-m-law , Lady Rich (who was formerly Sir Philip Sidney's * Stella '), and the Countess of Northumberland, his sisters

itfh January Two PROCLAMATIONS MADE *Proclamations,* 365, 366

i6th January CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE LAWYERS *A PC,* xxx 27-31, which gives the names of those from whom the charge was levied— a useful catalogue of the leading barristers of the day

i$th January RECUSANTS IN LONDON Stow's *Annals*

January THE AMBASSADOR'S COMPLAINT FROM PARIS *SP Dom ,* 274 12

22nd January A BOOK CONCERNING FISH AND FRUIT *AR, m* 154, *S TC,* 23708 , entered loth January, dated sund January 1600 (not 1599) in the Epistle , a most intelligent and shrewd little work

2ifh January COURT Nfcws *Sidney Papers,* 11 164

^nd February THE CROSS IN CHEAPSIDE *A P C ,* xxx 27

THE EARL'S PICTURE *Penshurst Papers,* n 435 , see p 113

qth February DELAYS IN THE COURT OF ADMIRALTY *A PC,* **xxx** 43

DESERTERS FROM IRELAND *A P C ,* xxx 55*

loth February WILL KEMP'S WAGER Kemp's dance, which caused a great sensation, is amusingly recounted in his *Nine Days' Wonder, S TC,* 14923 , m e by A Dyce, Camden Society, 1840, and *Bodley Head Quartos,* vol iv